

## Mississippi Valley News

By Pat Werts

Winter has finally taken an icy grip on the Mid-West, and all but the most hardy souls have been driven indoors, to talk of the coming show season, the foals to come, and the Morgan world in general.

The directors of MVMHC met on January 8th to talk over plans by the coming year. Among items up for discussion was the directories, listing all of the members, their addresses, and their horses, It Will be printed again this year, and distributed to clubs throughout the country.

An amendment to the By-Laws will be proposed: That the President be allowed to appoint reporters to gather news for the "Morgan Tales," monthly newsletter of the MVMHC.

Another Field Day, similar to the one last year, is scheduled for May 28th, at Pendleton Farms, Belle Rive, Illinois. This is also the date of Pendleton's first Production Sale of Morgans. The morning program will begin at 9:30 and will be taken up with sessions on saddling, bridling, different types of equipment and dress, how to ready horses for the show ring, and how to show horses in hand. Commenting on the English phase of the program will be Jane Blue of Lexington, Kentucky. Jane is well-known as the rider of the versatile, winning pleasure gelding, Suncrest Cavalier. Our President, Marlin Manning, will comment on the Western aspect. Following lunch (which will be available on the grounds), the Pendleton sale will begin at 2:00.

The January meeting of the MVMHC was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Del Rutherford of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, with about 25 members present. Paul Capelle, the Vice-President, conducted the meeting in the absence of Marlin Manning who was attending the Western Livestock Show and the Morgan Cutting Horse Association meeting in Denver. The O-Fallon, Il show, which offered six Morgan classes last year, has added two Junior classes to the list. This show is a grow one so let's support it. Also the Mt. Vernon Show in July will have two Morgan classes, 3-gaited and fine harness.

A point system of awards within the MVMHC has been set up. Points will be given in eight divisions (provided five horses are nominated in each division) three gaited, fine harness, english pleasure, western pleasure, junior pleasure, rider 16 years and under, cutting, halter, and junior performance. Double points will be given to Morgans placing in open classes (i.e. those classes with other breeds represented) - Nomination fee for each horse competing is \$1.00, to be paid by April 15 to Mr. Ralph Bellm, Highland, Illinois Trophies will be presented to the winners at the annual banquet in November. These awards should help to stimulate interest in the showing of Morgans in the club area.

The dates for the National Morgan Jubilee have been set September 9, 10 and 11, at the Illinois State Fair grounds, Springfield, Ill. Everything points to a bigger and better show than the one last year, so circle those dates and plan to be there. We'll have more news on the subject in future columns.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Capelle have leased the Brown Bomber, a three yr. old stallion, from the Ray Searls for the 1966 season. They will stand him at stud, and also show him

extensively in the MVMHC area. The Bomber, a high-going youngster, is a son of Cinnamon King and Jubilee's Pride. Mr. Searls showed him to a third in a hotly contested Two year Old Fine Harness Class at the Jubilee last fall, and we look for the Capelles to furnish some tough competition on the show circuit this summer.

Marlin Manning was a recent visitor of the Werts' as he traveled West, and we had a chance to get caught up on some Morgan talk. On his return trip he visited Funquest Farms and visited with Cliff and his family and looked over the good Morgan stock. While in Denver, Marlin visited some of the Morgan breeders in the area, and took in some performances of the big horse show. He reports that Mary Woolverton rode a Morgan gelding, Onyx, to a blue in the Open English Pleasure. He also remarked that Everett Reed does a fine job of getting Morgans before the public pulling the coach, in parade classes, etc.

The Morgan Cutting Horse Association elected officers for the coming year: Marlin Manning, President; Don Berlie, Vice-President and Jeanne White, Sec-Treasurer. Congratulations to two of our members, who have taken on new responsibilities in the Morgan field! A youth cutting program was presented and adopted; also. a national cutting finals is being planned.

## NEWS'N NOTES FROM THE SPRINGFIELD AREA

By LINDA HOWARD

The MVMHC would like to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Walter Troy of Springfield, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Troy own the high-going young stallion Captain De and have recently acquired a brood mare, Dot S. Velma, from the Robert Boardmans, Captain De has placed consistently at the shows this last year. Some of his wins include a 3rd and 6th. at the Jubilee, and a 6th and 8th in the Land of Lincoln classes at the State Fair. Dot S. Velma will have a Captain De foal in late '66. The Troys also have quarter horses as well as Morgans.

Another newcomer to the MVMHC is Mrs. John Burman of Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Mrs. Burman has become acquainted with several of our members while searching for a Morgan mare that's just right". Welcome Mrs. Burman, I'm sure you'll find our members a hospitable group.

I was at the Kenneth White's last week and naturally had to see the horses. As you walk into Mr. White's barn, you see three almost identical blazed faces peering over the stall doors at you. Gay, the mama, Penny, her four year old daughter, and Rainbo, Gay's yearling son. Rainbo is a colt with loads of personality and curiosity. Rainbo, a '65 model was ordered with extra accessories which include a blaze and four white feet. After coming in 3rd in the open weanling colt class last year he told Jeanne and I that a first would be none too good for him in '66!

I talked to Louis McDermid at the Jubilee meeting in early January. Lois will be back in the saddle again" this year. She will be showing horses for her Grandpa, Roy Brunk. Last year her nurses' training kept her too busy.

Marge and Paul Capelle and Lewis and Alberta Pape stopped out at the house after the Jubilee meeting. They looked at all the horses, but the one that caught their eye was Midnight Special, a big inky yearling by Shadow Hawk out of Dellama. Since they had both owned Congo's Pride, I think when they looked at Middy many pleasant memories were recalled of the black horse that had meant a lot to both the Capelles and the Papes.

Fritz Buecker told me his dad has acquired a new Morgan stallion. His name is Conflict, he is by Congo and I believe out of Flicka Date by Lippitt Mandate. I'd seen the horse when Howard Behl had him and he is an excellent individual. A bay with a compact build, he's a small horse but gives the appearance of being much larger. A "Morganie" head, a neck that's set on just right and a good square trot will make him a lot of competition when Fritz shows him this year.

Just had another new member from Kentucky. Jane Blue of Lexington has joined us. She will be a valued member. A big welcome, and we're happy to have the Blue Grass State represented we now have members from five states: Missouri, Illinois, Kansas, Iowa and Kentucky, and is growing by leaps and bounds.

At the Missouri Horse Show Association award dinner in December, the Capelles won both the High Point Morgan 3-Gaited award and reserve in this division. David Capelle's Duke of Lebanon was first and Congo's Pride reserve to him. Congratulations to the Capelle family!